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How do I put this...What a joke of a case this is turning out to be and
what a joke of a resolution as well. Microsoft wants the money but
doens't even want to listen (unless you pay them too) when you want to
tell them what is wrong. They said the IE4 doens't do anything if it
is integrated or just installed. They already signed saying they
wouldn't do certain things yet they do. They use their muscle to push
other people out of business when they find something they like and now
they want everyone to go through them to write drivers or programs.
Why don't we just hand Bill and Steve the US and just sit back and take
the whole length of this up the ass. Yes, I think that is a good way
to put, just take the whole length of this up the ass.

The entire way this has been handled is just poor. Microsoft has lied
to the people and should be punished. I think the company should
suffer to being split, having a total of 3 people on the inside is
going to accomplish nothing. Their will be enough red tape for them to
go through that they will probably never get to the issues that serious
computer geeks/professionals care about.

But then again, go ahead, let Micro$oft have it easy, and use their own
products to run the governments' systems. Meanwhile, I will make a
push for something like linux (and so will others, it has already
started) and I will try to make sure that everyone understands that the
government backed down when they shouldn't have and that Micro$oft is
more worried about making the money more than producing well written
softare.

I am completely thankful for what Microsoft has brought to home
computing but they cannot be the only company to do this. Business in
AMERICA is what it is because of free competition, Micro$oft wants to
push everyone out of the way. That is wrong and companies in the past
that have attempted to do so have been dealt with. Now is time to deal
with Microsoft.

A citizen of these United States